

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Saitou et al.

Art Unit: 1625

Application No.: 10/761,253

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For: METHOD OF PURIFYING
GLUTAMIC ACID BY
TRANSITION
RECRYSTALLIZATION**VIA FACSIMILE TO: 703 872 9306****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2004, which set a 3-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for Extension of Time, extending the period one month to December 4, 2004, is filed herewith.

The amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

The remarks begin on page 3.